

Devotional Guide

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The Mission

Embrace your true home in Jesus

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The message explores how the universal ache for home—felt even in the middle of outward success—points us to the One who can finally satisfy it.

Drawing from Ephesians 2:19 and John 14:23, it reveals that the long exile has ended: we are no longer foreigners or strangers but full members of God’s household. God the Father and the Spirit make their home with Jesus followers right now, and new creation begins today.

This launches our church mission: We are Jesus followers helping more people find their true home in Jesus.

How to Use This Guide:

Set aside 10-15 minutes daily. Read the Bible, reflect on the thought, answer questions, pray, and take the action step. Commit to this for growth—journal insights and share with a friend for accountability.

Day 1: The Ache for Home

Bible Reading: Genesis 3:23-24; Ecclesiastes 3:11

The sermon opened with Jack’s honest moment at the men’s retreat: thriving business, beautiful home, picture-perfect family—yet still asking, “Is this as good as life gets?” That ache is so common.

The World Health Organization reports that one in six people worldwide battles loneliness. In the Bible’s story, humanity began in perfect home with God in Eden, but sin brought exile and separation. Yet that longing isn’t a flaw; it’s a gift. It points us to the God who wants to make His home with us.

The big idea reminds us Jesus welcomes us into our true home as members of God’s household. Small compromises and busy schedules can keep us feeling like outsiders—reflect on where you’re still searching.

Reflection Questions:

1. What does Genesis 3 reveal about our original home with God?
2. Where have you felt the ache for “something more” lately?
3. How does Ecclesiastes 3:11 connect to our built-in longing?
4. What “sandcastle homes” are you building that keep washing away?
5. How does the big idea give hope to your ache?

Prayer Prompt:

Lord, thank You for the longing You placed in me. Forgive where I’ve tried to fill it with anything but You. Draw me closer. Amen.

Action Step:

Journal one place you’ve felt lonely this week and pray for one person you know who feels the same.

Day 2: The End of Exile

Bible Reading: Ephesians 2:17-19

The sermon reminded us that in the Bible’s five-act story, the Fall brought a long exile—but Jesus ends it. Ephesians 2:19 declares, “You are no longer foreigners or strangers. No: you are fellow citizens with God’s holy people. You are members of God’s household.”

The exile is over! We don’t have to live as outsiders anymore. Jack’s story showed how even outward success can’t fix the inner ache, but Jesus can. The big idea—Jesus welcomes us into our true home as members of God’s household—shifts everything. In daily life, recognize when you still feel like you don’t belong and claim your new status.

Reflection Questions:

1. What does Ephesians 2:19 say about our new status?
2. How does the idea of “exile” connect to the loneliness stats the sermon mentioned?
3. Describe a time you felt like an outsider.
4. How does knowing the exile has ended change your perspective?
5. What hope does the big idea offer here?

Prayer Prompt: Father, thank You that in Jesus the exile is over. I am no longer a stranger. Help me live as a full citizen in Your household. Amen.

Action Step: Memorize Ephesians 2:19 and speak it out loud when you feel out of place today.

Day 3: God Makes His Home with Us

Bible Reading: John 14:23; Colossians 1:27

Jesus doesn't just end the exile—He becomes the place where God makes His home with us. John 14:23 promises that if we love Him and keep His word, the Father and the Spirit will come and make their home with us.

The resurrection is the beginning of God's new project to colonize earth with the life of heaven. The big idea—Jesus welcomes us into our true home as members of God's household—means heaven and earth meet right now, in ordinary people like us. In real life, this is where the ache finally finds its answer.

Reflection Questions:

1. What does John 14:23 reveal about God's desire?
2. How have you experienced God's presence in everyday moments?
3. What does Colossians 1:27 add to this truth?
4. Where do you need to invite Jesus to make His home more fully?
5. How does the big idea fuel hope for your future?

Prayer Prompt: Jesus, thank You for making Your home with me. Come live in every part of my day. Fill me with Your presence. Amen.

Action Step: Create a small "home with God" space (a chair, journal spot) and spend five extra minutes with Him there today.

Day 4: Members of God’s Household

Bible Reading: Ephesians 2:19-20; 1 Peter 2:5

Because God makes His home with us, we are already members of God’s household. The sermon pictured churches around the world as God’s new multi-faceted family—living temples where new creation begins. We are built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Messiah Jesus as the cornerstone.

The big idea reminds us Jesus welcomes us into our true home as members of God’s household. This changes how we see church—not just a place we attend, but the family we belong to. In daily life, move from “I attend” to “I belong” and start helping others find their place.

Reflection Questions:

1. What phrases in Ephesians 2:19-20 stand out?
2. How does being part of God’s household change how you view Sunday mornings?
3. Share a time you felt truly “at home” in a church family.
4. In what area do you need to embrace belonging more fully?
5. How can this truth shape your relationships this week?

Prayer Prompt: Lord, thank You that I am a member of Your household. Help me live like it and welcome others in. Amen.

Action Step: Reach out to one person at church (in person or online) and tell them you’re glad they’re part of the family.

Day 5: New Creation Begins Now

Bible Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17; Revelation 21:1-3

The sermon tied it all together: because we are members of God’s household, new creation begins now. The final scene of the Bible is not us going up to heaven but the new Jerusalem coming down so “the dwelling of God is with humans.” Heaven and earth unite in Jesus.

The sandcastle homes we build always wash away, but Jesus builds the solid household that lasts forever. The big idea—Jesus welcomes us into our true home as members of God’s household—calls us to live as resurrection people today.

Reflection Questions:

1. What images in Revelation 21 describe the ultimate home?
2. How have you seen “new creation” in your own life?
3. What does 2 Corinthians 5:17 mean for you personally?
4. Where do you need fresh hope that new creation is already happening?
5. How does the big idea change how you face challenges?

Prayer Prompt: Creator God, thank You that new creation begins in me today. Make me a living sign of Your coming kingdom. Amen.

Action Step: Look for one “ordinary” moment today and treat it as a place where heaven and earth can meet—offer kindness, prayer, or encouragement.

Day 6: Living the Mission – Helping Others Find Home

Bible Reading: Colossians 1:13-14; Matthew 28:19-20

Review the week: From the ache of exile to the joy of belonging. God has rescued us and made us members of His household. The big idea—Jesus welcomes us into our true home as members of God’s household—launches our mission: We are Jesus followers helping more people find their true home in Jesus.

The sermon gave practical steps: pray the daily mission prayer and reach out to one person Jesus puts on your heart. In relationships, work, and dreams, reject isolation and embrace the family you were made for. Share this hope—invite others in.

Reflection Questions:

1. What does Colossians 1:13-14 promise us?
2. How has this guide shifted your view of loneliness and belonging?
3. Share a key insight from the week.
4. Where will you apply the big idea outward this week?
5. How can you celebrate being part of God’s household today?

Prayer Prompt: Loving Father, thank You for welcoming me home. Help me live out our mission and help one more person find their true home in Jesus. Amen.

Action Step: Tell one person about Jesus’ invitation to true home—text, call, or invite them to church next Sunday. Review the guide weekly for momentum.



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